

Amendments to the Claims:

No claim amendments are being made at this time. This listing of claims is provided for the convenience of the Examiner.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Original): A circular knit bra comprising:

a pair of breast cups, each of said pair of breast cups having a bottom edge and a top edge; and

a pair of side panels, each of said pair of side panels being adjacent to a different one of said pair of breast cups, wherein each of said breast cups has at least two different stitch densities thereby providing at least two different support areas, wherein said at least two support areas are formed by varying stitch length.

Claim 2 (Original): A circular knit bra comprising:

a circularly knitted outer layer having a pair of breast cups, each of said pair of breast cups having a bottom edge and a top edge; and

a pair of side panels, each of said pair of side panels being adjacent to a different one of said pair of breast cups; and a circularly knitted inner layer, wherein each of said first layer breast cups has at least two different stitch densities thereby providing at least two

different support areas, wherein said at least two support areas are formed by varying stitch length.

Claim 3 (Original): The bra of claim 2, wherein said inner layer has a pair of breast cups, each of said pair of breast cups having a bottom edge and a top edge, and a pair of side panels, each of said pair of side panels being adjacent to a different one of said pair of breast cups.

Claim 4 (Original): The bra of claim 2, wherein said at least two support areas are formed using one or more stitches selected from the group consisting of a plain, tuck, and float stitch.

Claim 5 (Original): The bra of claim 2, wherein said brassiere is knitted using plain stitches.

Claim 6 (Original): The bra of claim 2, wherein said at least two support areas are formed by shorter stitch lengths.

Claim 7 (Original): The bra of claim 2, wherein said at least two support areas is at least three support areas.

Claim 8 (Original): The bra of claim 2, wherein said at least two support areas is three areas of support.

Claim 9 (Original): The bra of claim 8, wherein said three areas of support each have a different stitch density.

Claim 10 (Original): The bra of claim 8, wherein said

three areas of support are a first, second and third areas of support.

Claim 11 (Original): The bra of claim 8, wherein said first area of support has a cross stretch in the range about -25% to about -30% of a baseline of zero.

Claim 12 (Original): The bra of claim 8, wherein said first area of support has a cross stretch is -26% of the baseline.

Claim 13 (Original): The bra of claim 8, wherein said second area of support has a cross stretch in the range about -20% to about -25% of a baseline of zero.

Claim 14 (Original): The bra of claim 8, wherein said second area of support has a cross stretch of -22% of the baseline.

Claim 15 (Original): The bra of claim 8, wherein said third area of support has a cross stretch in the range about -5% to about -20% of a baseline of zero.

Claim 16 (Original): The bra of claim 8, wherein said third area of support has a cross stretch of -8% of the baseline.

Claim 17 (Original): The bra of claim 2, wherein said at least two areas of support comprise graded stitch differentiation.

Claim 18 (Original): The bra of claim 2, wherein said

at least two areas of support comprise distinct zones of stitch differentiation.

Claim 19 (Original): The bra of claim 2, wherein said inner layer and said outer layer are formed of an integrally knit brassiere blank.

Claim 20 (Original): The bra of claim 2, wherein said inner and said outer layers are separate knit pieces.

Claim 21 (Original): The bra of claim 2, wherein said inner layer has a knitted-in gore area.

Claim 22 (Original): The bra of claim 3, wherein each of said inner layer breast cups has at least two different stitch densities thereby providing at least two different support areas, wherein said at least two support areas are formed by varying stitch length.

Claim 23 (Original): The bra of claim 22, wherein said inner layer at least two areas of support comprise graded stitch differentiation.

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the title of the application as follows starting on page 1, line 1, and ending on page 1, line 2:

--- SEAMLESS CIRCULAR KNIT ~~LOWER-TORSO-~~
~~CONTROLLING~~ GARMENT WITH DIFFERENTIAL TIGHTNESS
AREAS AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME---.

Please amend paragraph 33 as follows:

--- [0033] Side panels 10 are removably joined together at the back of the wearer by conventional fasteners, such as, for example, hook-and-eye, snap and ~~Velcro~~ hook and loop VELCRO™ closures. The closures are adjustable to accommodate the size of the wearer. While not preferred, the closure can be in gore panel 20 at the front of the brassiere, instead of at the back panel.---